

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010 at 7pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Borastero (The Mayor)  
Cllrs: D Anderson; S Davies; N Kennedy; J Nicholas; J North;  
J Parkes; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs; T Butt-Philip; D Unwin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk F White; RFO S Luck; Mace Bearer G Weatherhead.  
1 member of the press

#### **INFORMAL SESSION:**

None.

#### **FORMAL SESSION:**

- 10/042C **TO ELECT THE MAYOR**  
It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this item be deferred until Mayor-Making on 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 10/043C **TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR**  
It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this item be deferred until Mayor-Making on 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 10/044C **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllrs. M Brandon; J Osman.
- 10/045C **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  
None.
- 10/046C **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL** held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were proposed, confirmed as a true record and signed.
- 10/047C **REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Cllr. Davies reported that the Friendship Signing Weekend with Bad Berka (Germany) and Kluczbork (Poland) and had gone well; both visiting groups had been particularly impressed with the Schools, and very keen to communicate on cultural matters and establish further links.
  - ii. Cllr. Unwin reported the Almshouses Management Group is working well; a new Manager has been appointed.
  - iii. Cllrs. Unwin and Siggs reported that MDC are aware there is a problem with the new car parking charges in Wells and is willing to review the situation in 3 months time.
- 10/048C **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on 15<sup>th</sup> April were presented and adopted.
- 10/049C **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April were presented and adopted.

- 10/050C **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHIVES AND CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE** held on 21<sup>st</sup> April were presented and adopted. Cllr. North answered questions about progress of negotiations with Wells Museum, and confirmed arrangements have been made to employ an archivist's assistant for 6 months from June.
- 10/051C **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held on 5th May were presented; Cllr. Price presented the recommendation that the City Council write to Mendip District Council regarding car parking charges. There was a discussion of the issues. Before a proposal was made Cllr. Unwin and Siggs both declared a Personal Interest as District Councillors. It was proposed and agreed that the Council would write to MDC as recommended, also requesting that the review should take place in Wells.  
Cllr. Unwin undertook to relay and coordinate all communications by e-mail and ensure that every effort was made by MDC to alleviate the problem.  
The Minutes were proposed and adopted.
- 10/052C **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**  
(7 members each plus the mayor, ex-officio, is an voting member on every committee)  
(i) Finance and General Purposes  
It was agreed the Deputy Mayor should be one of the Committee. Eight other members were nominated; a paper ballot was taken and counted by Officers of the Council.  
(ii) Planning and Environment  
(iii) City Centre Management  
(iv) Wells in Bloom  
(v) Archives and Civic Assets  
Committee Members were appointed as shown on the attached schedule.
- 10/053C **TO APPROVE MATTERS AT NEW CIVIC YEAR**  
Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. New Model Standing Orders have been issued by NALC, these will be reviewed for adoption during the year. Existing City Council Standing Orders were proposed, seconded and re-adopted in full for the present.
- 10/054C **FINANCE**  
i. The Annual Audit Return and Governance Statement were proposed, completed, approved and signed.  
ii. Confirmation of the appointment of the RFO to the Council was proposed, seconded and agreed. Mr Luck was thanked for all his hard work over the past few months and congratulated on his appointment.  
iii. Valuation of the Council's property holdings for insurance purposes was proposed, seconded and approved.
- 10/055C **ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT**  
i. Cllr. Davies asked that the Union and City Flags be flown at the Town Hall on 26 June, Armed Forces Day; this was agreed.

- ii. In answer to question, the Mayor reported that the position of Mace-Bearer will be advertised when the new Personnel Committee has been appointed; Mr Weatherhead has agreed to continue for the time being.
- iii. Cllr. Anderson thanked the Mayor for her stewardship of the Council over the last two years; this has been very difficult at times.
- iv. It was proposed and agreed that the remaining business of this meeting be adjourned until Mayor-Making at 5pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

10/056C

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the date of the next meeting will be: **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7pm.**

Signed.....  
(The Mayor)

Date.....